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SUBJECT: FORMAT AND AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 1973 DPC MINISTERIAL
MEETING

REF: USNATO 5441

1. WE APPRECIATE WORK MISSION AND IS HAVE DONE IN DEVELOP-
ING AGENDA AND RESTRUCTURING FORMAT OF DPC ALONG LINES
SUGGESTED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

2. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DOES WISH, HOWEVER, TO PRESS
FOR FURTHER REARRANGEMENT OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE MEETING
ON DECEMBER 7 ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A. A TWO-HOUR DISCUSSION SESSION BEGINNING AT 0930 HOURS.

B. THIS PERIOD SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY AN NDAC SESSION OF
MINIMUM LENGTH.

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C. WE WOULD EXPECT TO DISCUSS MID-EAST EVENTS AND LESSONS DURING THE 0930-1130 SESSION AND ASSUME THAT OTHER MODS WILL HAVE MATTERS WHICH THEY WILL WISH TO BRING UP FOR COMMENT AND DISCUSSION DURING THIS QTE FREE WHEELING UNQTE PERIOD. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILL NOT MAKE FORMAL STATEMENT DURING SESSION AND HOPES OTHERS WILL NOT READ LONG, FORMAL STATEMENTS. HIS FORMAL STATEMENT WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD. YOU NEED NOT, HOWEVER, SHOW DETAILED LISTING OF TOPICS TO BE BROUGHT UP IN SESSION. THIS PORTION OF DPC MEEING CAN BE RESTRICTED SESSION IF YOU THINK HIS WILL FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS. WE LEAVE DECISION TO YOUR DISCRETION.

3. ITEMS APPEARING ON FORMAL AGENDA ARE ACCEPTABLE, BUT MOST FORCE PLANNING ITEMS SHOULD BE CONSOLIDATED AND COVERED QUICKLY. WE SEE NO NEED FOR 15 MINUTES PER ITEM.

4. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND LUNCHEON AS SHOWN SCHEDULED IN REFTL AT 1:00 P.M. ON DECEMBER 7.

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